

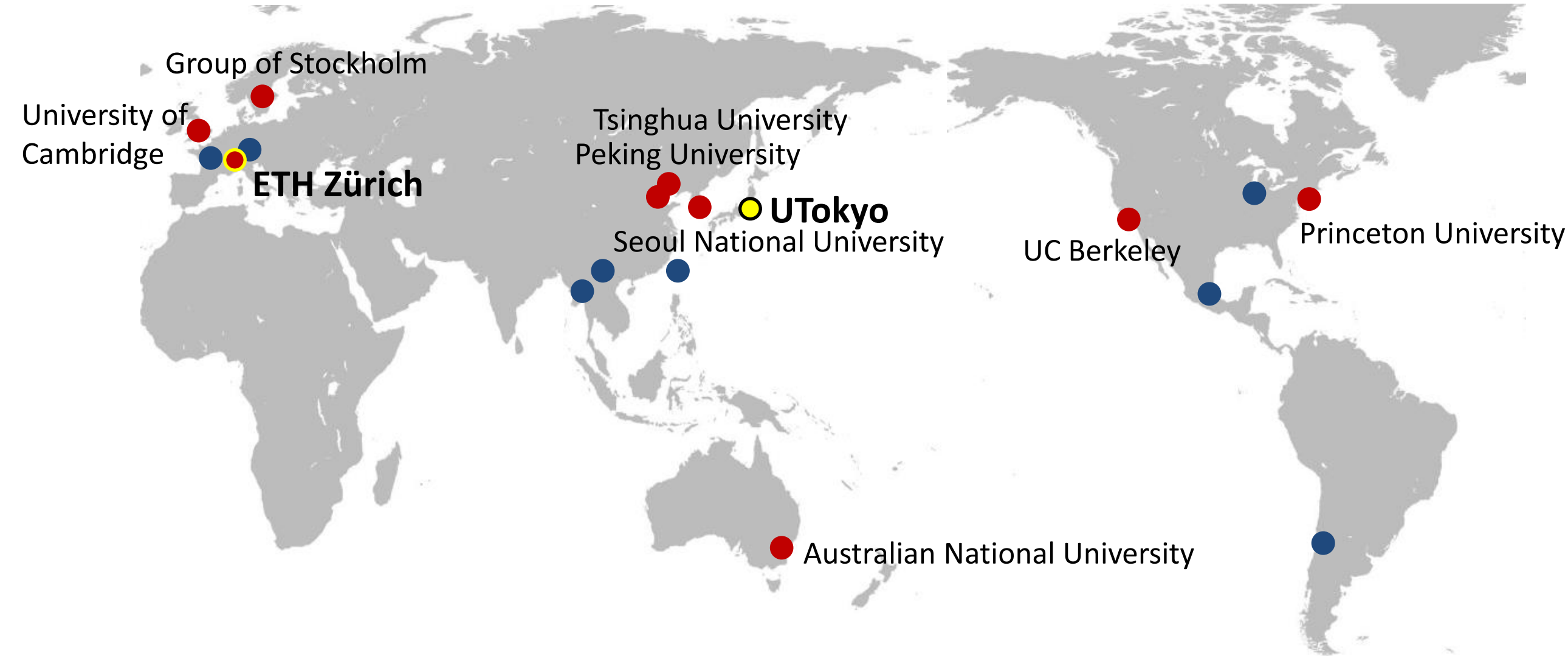
UTokyo's Strategic Partnerships Project

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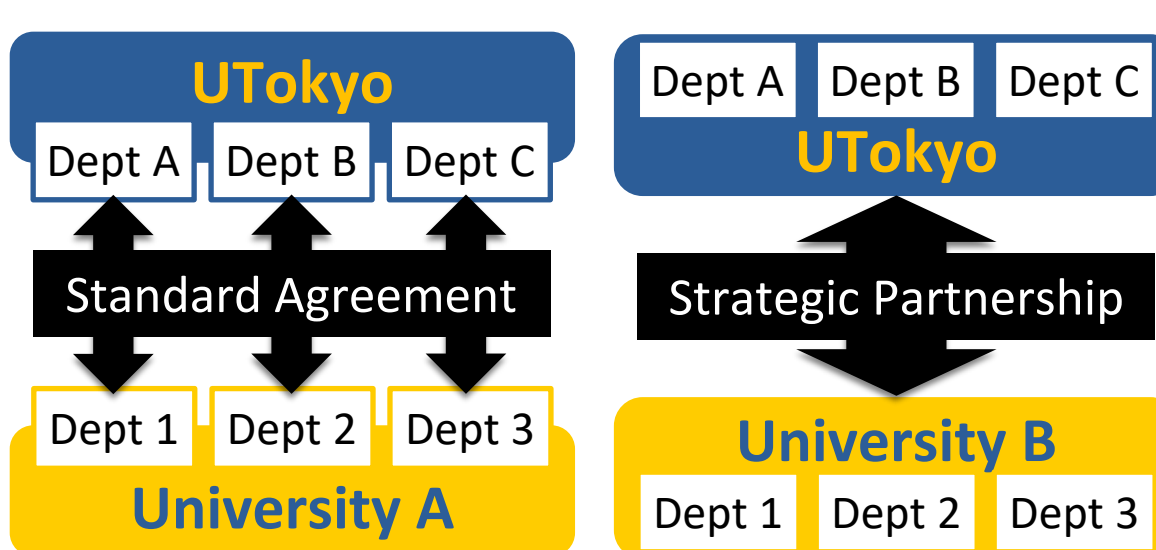
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UTokyo's Strategic Partnerships

Expansive, mutually beneficial, and special relationships with a limited number of partner universities



● Primary Strategic Partnership Universities ● Prospective Strategic Partner Universities



- Go beyond usual academic exchange agreements
- Take advantage of the strengths of each university
- Promote diverse and interdisciplinary exchange
- Enhance the mobility of UTokyo members
- Expand UTokyo's global presence

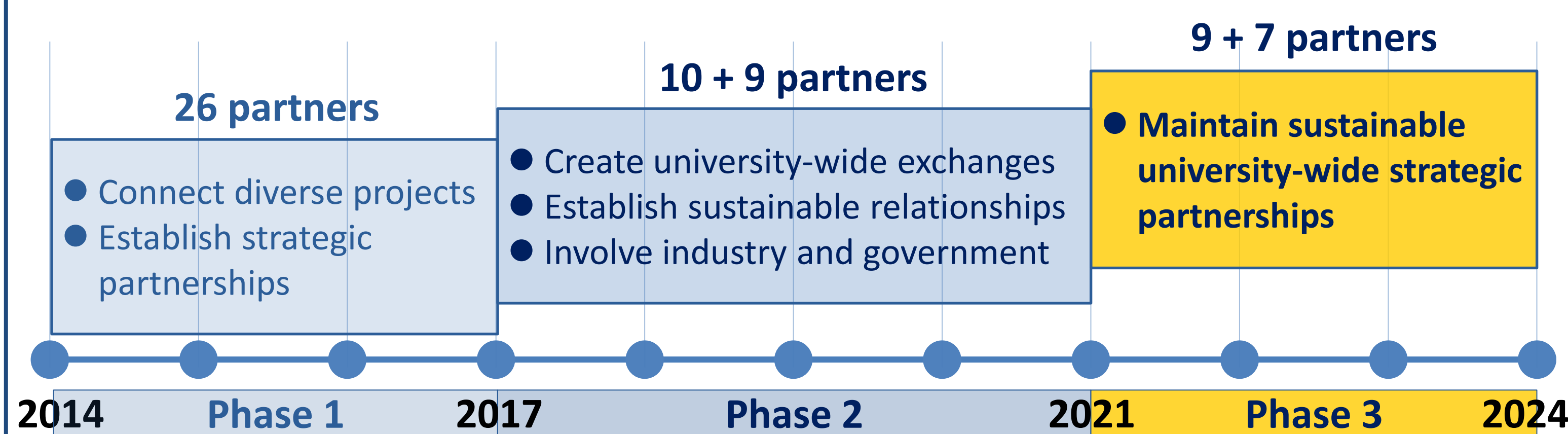
Top Global University Japan (2014-2023)

A MEXT-funded project to increase the **international compatibility and competitiveness** of Japanese universities and **strengthen their presence** in the global higher education market.

- 37 universities selected to lead the:
- Development of partnerships with global universities
 - Reform of personnel and education systems
 - Globalisation of Japanese education



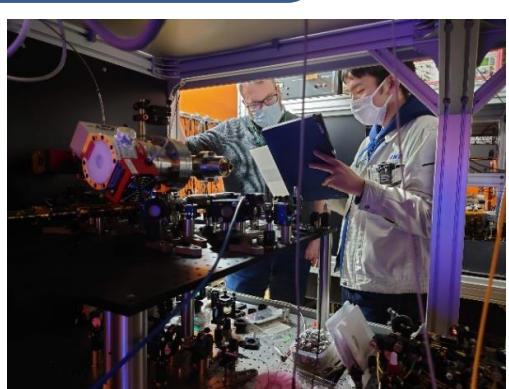
Strategic Partnerships Project



Phases 1 & 2: A Strategic Partnership between UTokyo and ETH Zürich

Collaborative Research

Faculty from departments and centres across UTokyo are actively collaborating with ETH Zürich.



Joint Publications

Uncertainty-Conscious Methodology for Process Performance Assessment in Biopharmaceutical Drug Product Manufacturing

Small text listing authors and affiliations.

Academic Exchanges

Student Exchanges



SPUR



ETH zürich

東京大学 THE UNIVERSITY OF TOKYO

Staff Exchanges

Interaction with the Swiss Embassy

Workshops, International Conferences

Teaching

Established and early-career researchers are invited to give seminars or instruction in experimental technique.



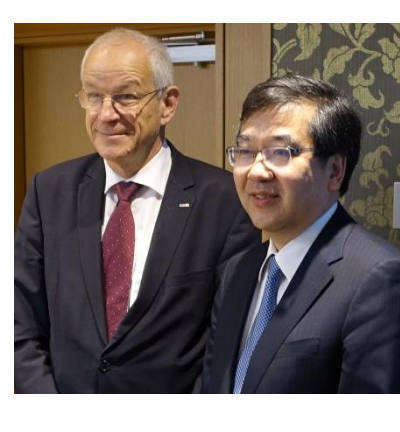
Industry Internships

UTokyo students collaborate with the Swiss pharmaceutical company Roche and carry out internships there.



Executive Visits

The partnership strategy is discussed at the highest levels of university management.



Joint Funding Applications

Thesis Committees

Joint Symposia

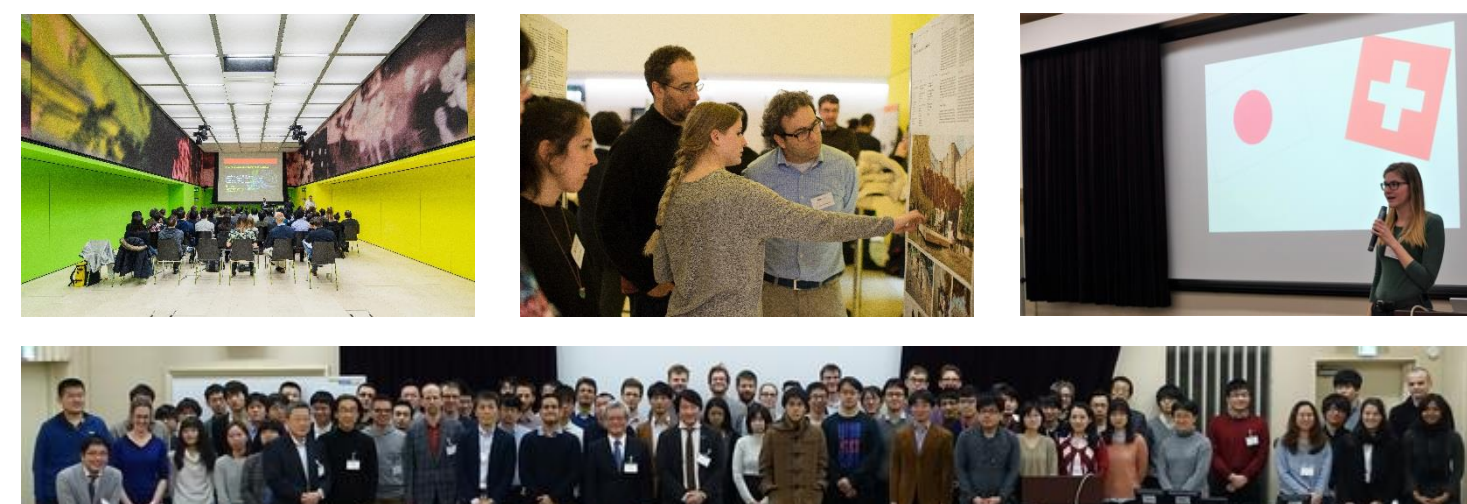
We organise an annual joint symposium to encourage interaction and exchange between universities and disciplines.

"It provided a rare opportunity to talk to students from ETH Zürich about their daily lives and to get to know them better."

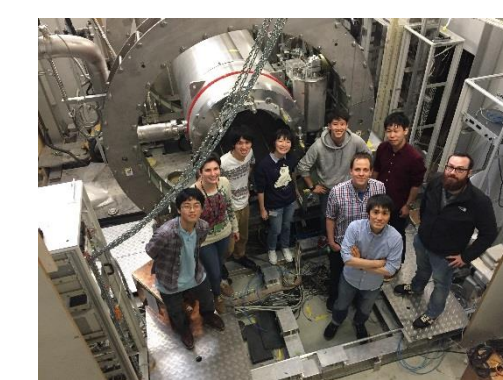
-Miki Nishimura (PhD student, Particle Physics)

"This symposium made me realise that international exchange is happening in every research field and how important it is for inspiring and motivating researchers."

-Dr. Shiori Umemoto (Postdoc, Chemistry)

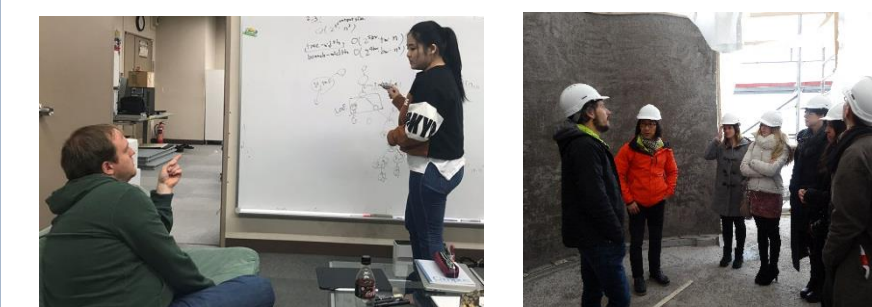


Student Programmes



Students from UTokyo and ETH Zürich attend an annual student programme on particle physics at the Paul Scherrer Institute.

Student Research Exchanges



Students regularly spend time visiting or working on research with their collaborators.

Student Enrolment Postdoc Recruitment

ETH Zürich (MSc) → UTokyo (PhD)	5
UTokyo (MSc) → ETH Zürich (PhD)	1
UTokyo (BSc) → ETH Zürich (MSc)	2

FY2014-2022



Administrative Staff Exchanges

Staff exchange contributes to knowledge exchange and strengthens support for student and academic exchange.

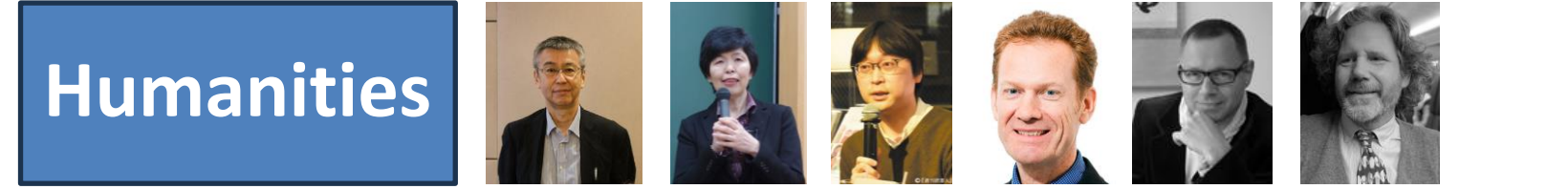


See www.s.u-tokyo.ac.jp/UTokyo_ETHZ/ for more details

Phase 3 (and Beyond): Towards a "Group of Zürich" Strategic Partnership

Why expand the Partnership?

- Strong existing connections between UTokyo and UZH in areas not covered by the UTokyo-ETH Zürich Strategic Partnership



- Potential for new collaborations in new areas

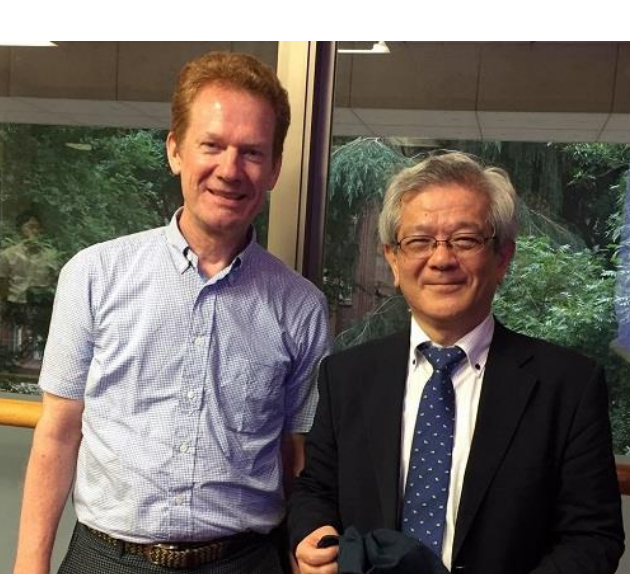


- Close relationship between ETH Zürich and UZH

FY2019

Prof. Christian Schwarzenegger (Vice President of UZH) visited UTokyo several times to discuss the possibility of a strategic partnership.

Prof. Christian Schwarzenegger with Prof. Naoto Sekimura (former Vice President of UTokyo)



Prof. Hiroaki Suga and Dr. Kate Harris visited UZH to discuss how the universities could work together.

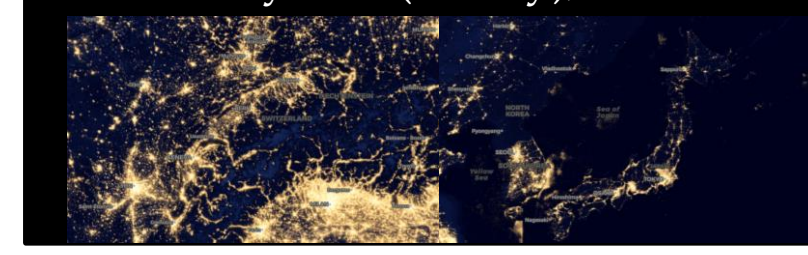
FY2020

Discussions between UZH and UTokyo continued online, with administrative staff and faculty from humanities, law, chemistry, and space science. Thanks to everyone at UZH Global Affairs!

FY2021

Prof. Oliver Ullrich and Prof. Shinichi Nakasuka held an online workshop to start a new UZH-UTokyo collaboration in space science.

UZH-UTokyo Workshop on Space Technologies and Applications May 21st (Friday), 2021



FY2022



The principle of a "Group of Zürich" Strategic Partnership was agreed by the Presidents of the three universities.

FY2023

Today's symposium!

Special thanks to Prof. Klaus Kirch for making it happen!



FY2024?

Let us know!
 What do you want from a "Group of Zürich" Strategic Partnership?